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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

### BARBADOS.

#### *Smallpox situation.*

BARBADOS, WEST INDIES, *August 25, 1902.*

SIR: I have to report that there have been 129 cases of smallpox here since July 13 last. A majority of the cases have been isolated at the quarantine station on Pelican Island, separate from the mainland; the others have been quarantined at their homes. The total number of deaths is 8. The disease, while not of a malignant type, is taxing the efforts of the authorities. While vaccination is not compulsory, it is being freely resorted to; the medical staff are kept busy, and little objection is offered by the people. Bills of health issued at this consulate contain full particulars. I have not deemed the disease so malignant or widespread as to warrant notifying the Department by telegraph. Barbados has been quarantined by near-by ports, seriously affecting commerce and business generally.

Respectfully,

S. A. MACALLISTER,  
*United States Consul.*

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

### BRITISH HONDURAS.

#### *Mosquitoes of Belize.*

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *September 4, 1902.*

SIR: In accordance with request in Bureau letter of April 4, 1902 (C. H. W., R. M. W.), regarding the presence aboard vessels of mosquitoes, as suggested by Surgeon Carter, I have the honor to report that I have made careful observations and examined the mosquitoes of Belize, and of their possible conveyance aboard ship.

Since my arrival here in April I do not think that there have been more than three or four days on which there was much danger of mosquitoes flying or being carried by the wind out to the steamers. I have also made careful inquiries of the officers of the vessels and find that they are very rarely troubled by either the sand fly or mosquitoes while in Belize harbor.

The steamers, while here, anchor about 1½ or 2 miles offshore, and during the greater part of the year there is a strong sea breeze (trade wind), which would tend to prevent their flight from shore. The only time when there is danger is when the wind is from the land, as it is under this condition that the officers report having seen sand flies and mosquitoes here. I have also studied the different kinds of mosquitoes found in Belize, and find the *s'egomyia fasciata* and *culex pipiens* the most common, with several species of *culex*. So far have not found the anopheles in Belize proper, and find that malarial fever very sel-